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ITEM NO: WH-2

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: FRENCH-SAUDI ARMS DEAL

REF : OSR MORNING BRIEFING, 5 DEC 74, S NFD

FRANCE AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE SIGNED AN \$800 MILLION ARMS AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES. THE DEAL REPORTEDLY INCLUDES ²⁰⁰ AMX-30 TANKS, SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES AND MIRAGE III AIRCRAFT. NO DATE WAS GIVEN FOR THE SIGNING OF THE DEAL.

THE SAUDIS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE PURCHASED ABOUT 200 AMX-30 TANKS AND 38 MIRAGE V AIRCRAFT EVEN BEFORE THE FRENCH LIFTED THEIR EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO MIDDLE EAST BELLIGERENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HOW MANY OF THE ARMS TO BE DELIVERED REPRESENT NEW DEALS OR WHETHER THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS SIMPLY A CONFIRMATION OF OLD AGREEMENTS.

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